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Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 11-12 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later filed application.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 11-12 and 34-37 were pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 11-12 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Therefore, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested such that claims 1, 3-5 and 34-37 will be pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, 11, 12 and 34-37 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner stated that applicants amended claims 1, 11, 36 and 37 and cancelled claim 5. The Examiner stated that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph are withdrawn in light of the amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph:

The Examiner previously rejected claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to